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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Att: Application Branch

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Please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claim 11, as follows:

11. (Amended) The recording medium according to claim 10, wherein said program is configured such that said claim handling section performs a process of using an engineer information table which holds records of the engineers including at least one item selected from a schedule after the registration of the new claim report, a product designed as experience, the number of years of experience, the number of supporting tasks, a responsible unit, and a technical field, instead of said supporting task table upon increase in the number of newly-registered claim reports, and making selection of the engineers with reference to a content of said engineer information table.



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## REMARKS

A copy of marked-up claim 11 to show the changes made is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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### MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 11

11. (Amended) The recording medium according to claim 10, wherein said program is configured such that said claim handling section performs a process of using an engineer information table which holds records of the engineers including at least one item selected from a schedule after the registration of the new claim report, a product designed as experience, the number of years of experience, the number of supporting tasks, a responsible unit, and a technical field, [and said selecting section,] instead of said supporting task table upon increase in the number of newly-registered claim reports, and making selection of the engineers with reference to a content of said engineer information table.